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MAIN TITLE

Part I ✓

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SUB TITLES

1. If we could go back to the year 1800 many things would appear so different and strange to us that we would seem to be looking upon another world.
2. We now live in a world of steam and electricity, but in 1800 there were no steam-cars or steamboats, and the many uses of electricity were unknown.
3. In 1800 short trips were made on horseback or in heavy coaches but for long distance travel the prairie schooner was utilized.
4. Today -----
5. In 1800 produce was carried to market in the oxcart, and the distance traveled did not exceed 10 to 15 miles a day.
6. But now it is necessary to limit the speed of trucks in order to save the roads.
7. In 1800 there were no railroads. The first passenger train in America was built in 1831 and looked like this.
8. Rapid transit now is a necessity. The nation is linked together from ocean to ocean by steel rails.
9. It was Robert Fulton who first established steam navigation as a commercial success. In August, 1807, he launched the "Clermont" and in 30 days she was making trips regularly between New York and Albany.
10. In 1800 the steamship "Savannah" sailed into the harbor of Liverpool, England, 25 days out from Savannah. This was the first time a steamship had crossed the Atlantic.
11. Now, America has fleets of ships such as these.
12. In 1800 electricity was unheard of --- now the telegraph and telephone make almost instant communication possible.
13. And even the railroad train may become obsolete, for aeroplanes are now used to carry freight, mail and passengers.
14. Nowhere is the progress of the last century more clearly shown than in the farming industry.
15. In 1800 the farmer sowed his grain by hand. This method is still in use in most European countries.
16. Then, the grain also was harvested by hand. It was cut by a cradle; some cradlers could cut as much as six acres per day.
17. Then, the binder gathered the grain together, and tied it into bundles.
18. Now, all this work may be done by motor-driven machinery.

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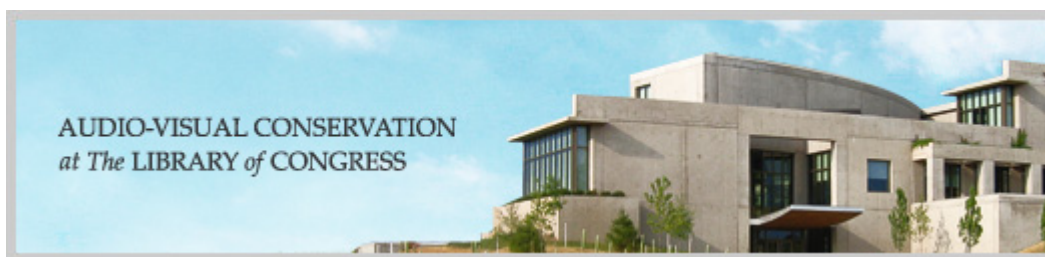
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